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Dear Citizens of St. Louis:

Each year the City of St. Louis is required to prepare a report highlighting the projects to be undertaken in the coming year through four federal programs that are funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD):

- CDBG Community Development Block Grant
- HOME HOME Investment Partnership Funds
- HOPWA Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS
- ESG Emergency Solutions Grant

This year marks a significant departure in how our funding recommendations were formulated. At the direction and with the help of our local HUD office and a team of HUD-provided technical experts, we spent many months reworking our funding recommendation process. The work included developing new application forms and rating sheets and implementing expanded community outreach techniques. CDA senior management staff evaluated applications for 126 separate activities, packaged into 65 grant applications. Recommendations resulting from the competitive application process were released to community partners on October 8 and submitted to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen for their review.

The Annual Action Plan documents the many activities, initiatives and services that will be made possible by these four federal programs. This report also serves as a detailed description indicating which specific components of the City's Five Year Consolidated Plan will be undertaken in 2014.

Those citizens with questions or comments concerning this report are encouraged to contact me at 657-3835. You may also forward any questions or comments by e-mail to <a href="mailto:claybourj@stlouis-mo.gov">claybourj@stlouis-mo.gov</a>.

Sincerely,

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## 2014

## **Annual Action Plan**

For the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME), Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS Program (HOPWA), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program



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